(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the published outlets will be allotted to applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) As per the existing policy, dealerships/ distributorships included in the Marketing Plans are advertised for selection through Dealer Selection Boards. Selection activity, is a continuous and on going process.

During the last three years, i.e. 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, a total of 135 retail outlet dealerships and 188 LPG distributorships were advertised in Andhra Pradesh. Out of the above, 16 retail outlet dealerships and 26 LPG distributorships have already been allotted on the recommendations of concerned Dealer Selection Boards.

It generally takes 1-2 years for commissioning of dealerships/ distributorships from the date of issue of advertisement.

Home delivery of LPG in Manipur

1623. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the facts that in Manipur the L.P.G. Distributors are not doing the Gas home delivery system to the consumers even in the city areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; .

(c) whether Government are also aware of the facts that the L.P.G. Distributors are issuing names of bogus consumers in place of the real names and so it will not be possible to start Gas Home delivery system in Manipur; and

(d) the steps taken up by Govemment to correct those errors in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) Due to the prevalent law and order situation in Manipur, home delivery of LPG cylinders is not being made. Showroom delivery price has been fixed after deducting home

delivery charge of Rs. 5/- from retail selling price. Oil Companies have not come across any case of LPG connection having been issued in the name of bogus consumer in place of real name.

Crude Oil availabity for Refinery in Assam

1624. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed and present source of crude oil availability for each refinery in Assam against the existing refining capacity;

(b) the present production level and future prospects of natural gas and crude oil fields in Assam;

(c) the details of finding of Brahmaputra valley Exploration Project and its target fixed, sector-wise; and

(d) the target fixed for modernisation of Assam refineries and marketing network in the context of national and international competitive environment and non-polluting product pattern?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUS-WAMY): (a) The proposed crude thruput of refineries located in Assam during 1999-2000 is given as under:—

Refining capacity (in thousand tonnes)		Crude thruput (in thousand tonnes)
AOD-Digboi lOC-Guwahati BRPL-Bongaigaon NRL-Numaligarh	650 1000 2350 3000	600 900 2000 1615
TOTAL	7000	5115